

Every time a man tugs he takes a kink out of the chain or life, and thus lengthens it.—Josh Billings.

#### For the Farmer.

##### BEST MILK Producing Food.

Our correspondent, T. L. Hart of West Cornwall, Conn., has written an article for the *Germania's Telegraph*, from which we make the following extract:

"There is no doubt a difference in the quality of milk in different cows, some being rich in casein or cheese, and that of others in butter, yet as a rule the milk will be in a great measure what it is made by the feed of the cow. The milk from the same cows may be varied by feed from eighty, by the lactometer, up to a hundred and fifteen degrees, the highest number being the best, and such as is produced by the heaviest feed.

I would give to the world truth and friendship, which are very scarce.

I would give an additional portion of truth to lawyers, traders and merchants.

I would give to physicians skill and learning.

I would give to printers their pay.

To gossiping women short ungraciousness.

To young women good sense, modesty, large wrists and natural teeth.

To young sprouts and dandies, common sense, little cash and hard labor.

To old maid's good temper, smooth faces, little and good husbands.

To old bachelors love for virtue, children and wives.

To the self-righteous, Bible, charity for others.

To boys boasting modesty and a disposition to profit by the experience of older persons.

—“Pomper, can you tell me in what building people are most likely to catch cold?”

—“Why, no; me stranger in de town and can't tell dat.”

—“Well, I will tell you; it is the bank.”

—“How is dat?”

—“Because there are so many debts in it.”

—“Dat is good; but can you tell me what makes dare be so many debts in it?”

—“No.”

—“Because, so many go day to raise de wind.”

AN INJUNCTION CALLED FOR.—From Surprise Valley, Cal., comes the story of an old man who got very jealous because his young wife went to a ball with a good looking fellow, and stayed out until broad day light. The old chap went to a Justice of the Peace and told his story winding it up with “I want ye to help me—for that ‘a’ thing has been goin on about long enough.”

“Well!” says the Justice, “you can write down to Yreka, and see if some of the lawyers can't get you a divorce.”

“Divorce!” roared the angry man, “who the dickens wants a divorce?”

The Justice began to get wrathy.

—“If you don't want a divorce, what the dickens brought you here?”

—“Why, I want an injunction to stop further proceedings.”

—“You are very stupid, Thomas,” said a country teacher to a little boy eight years old. “You are a little donkey; and what do they do to cure them of stupidity?” “They feed them better and kick them less,” said the arch little mavin.

—A Challenge not accepted.—“Come on here, and I'll lick the whole of ye,” said the bold urchin to the big sticks of candy in the Drury Street window.

—Larry is a good natured, civil fellow, but has one failing, in this, that when he goes to his home at night he is usually more or less under the influence of contraband fluids. One night he started for home with a nice turkey, safely done up in strong wrapping paper, under his arm. Larry found the road to his house uncommon rough that night. He had several times stumbled and fell over all sorts of obstructions in his path. Each time he fell he dropped his turkey, but contrived to pick it up again. On entering his house he steadied himself as well as he was able and said to his wife:

“Herr wifey, I've got 'leven turkeys for you.”

—“Eleven turkeys, Harry? What do you mean?”

There must be 'leven turkeys, wifey, for I tall down 'leven times, and every time found a turkey. There must be 'leven turkeys.”

—We heard rather a good story the other day about a couple of children of Dr. N. J. Moody. They are twins, a boy and girl, about eight years old, who have grown up together like double sweet peas, engaged in the same plays together, and hardly realized their difference in sex, till they lately began going to school. There they had to be separated, one studying and playing with the boys, the other with the girls, and as they had always been together this did not seem quite right as long as they were twins.

The other day they were talking it over at the table at home, when one of the pair said: “Ma, I don't see why we need to be twins, can't you get us a divorce?” It is needless to remark that there was some laughter around the board then and there, as there has been since, when the story has been told.

—Henry Ward Beecher once hearing one of his own published sermons delivered in an obscure village, accused the preacher on his way out and said:

“That was a very good discourse; how long did it take you to write it?”

“Oh, I passed it off one evening when I had leisure,” was the reply.

“Indeed!” said Mr. Beecher, “it took me longer than that to think out the frame of that very sermon.”

“Are you Henry Ward Beecher?” exclaimed the clergyman.

“I am,” was the reply.

“Well, then,” replied the unabashed preacher, “all I have say is that I ain't ashamed to preach one of your sermons anywhere.”

—A San Antonio postmaster received a letter lately “To My Mammy.” It was not delivered till some weeks afterward, a small female looking woman appeared at the post-office window, saying: “Mister, have you got any letter from my Johnny?” The letter was handed to her at once.

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